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(7-10 May 2002)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION

**To be held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 7 May 2002**

1. Adoption of the Agenda

HIGH LEVEL POLICY SEGMENT

2. The policy implications of the Spring Seminar for ECE

3. Reactions to the Spring Seminar and to the Debate of the First Day of the Session

4. Economic aspects of security in Europe:
   - The ECE role in developing the economic conditions for long-term security
   - The sectoral dimension

GENERAL SEGMENT

5. The ECE Steering Group: Conclusions and recommendations

6. Discussion of decisions arising from the high level policy segment for inclusion in the report of the Commission

7. Matters arising from the work of the subsidiary bodies requiring decision by, or meriting *the attention of, the Commission*

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8. Progress Report on ECE Technical Assistance

9. Pan-European Ministerial Meeting in preparation of the World Summit on the Information Society

10 Election of officers

11. Other business

12. Adoption of the report

In accordance with the accreditation procedures applicable to all meetings held at the Palais des Nations, delegates are requested to complete the attached registration form and transmit it, at the latest two weeks before the session, to the ECE secretariat (Fax No. +41 22 917 00 36 or E-mail to: alison.mangin@unece.org).

In Geneva, prior to the session, delegates are requested to present themselves at the Pass and Identification Unit of the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Villa Les Feuillantines, 13 Avenue de la Paix (see attached map), in order to be issued with an identification badge. In case of difficulties, please contact the ECE secretariat (Annual Session of the Commission - Tel: +41 22 917 28 92; Spring Seminar - Tel +41 22 917 27 18).

For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of the documents mentioned in the provisional agenda to the meeting. There will be no documentation available in the meeting room.

Time	Agenda item	Introduction	Explanatory Notes	Documentation
7 May a.m.	Item 1: Adoption of the agenda	Chairman of the Commission	The adoption of the agenda will be followed by opening remarks by the Chairman of the Commission and the Executive Secretary.	E/ECE/1391/ Rev.1
a.m. and p.m.	Item 2: The policy implications of the Spring Seminar for ECE	Chairman of the Commission and Executive Secretary	The discussion under item 2 will draw upon the debate during the Spring Seminar held on 6 May on "Labour Market Challenges in the ECE Region" and identify relevant linkages with ECE's Programme of Work. It will also draw on concrete experiences of ECE member States. The discussion will also consider the issue of cooperation and coordination with major organisations involved in labour market and employment issues.	
p.m.	Item 3: Reactions to the Spring Seminar and to the Debate of the First Day of the Session	Chairman of the Commission		

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8 May a.m. and p.m.	Item 4: Economic aspects of security in Europe: • The ECE role in developing the economic conditions for long-term security • The sectoral dimension Item 5: The ECE Steering Group: Conclusions and recommendations	Executive Secretary Chairman and Executive Secretary	The consequences of 11 September for the work of ECE were discussed at the first meeting of the Steering Group and a background document was requested. Discussion under this item will include the contributions of PSB Chairpersons, representatives of OSCE and other partner organisations, the private sector, NGOs and academia. As decided at the fifty-sixth session, the results of the Steering Group's discussion on overall policy and direction will be considered by the Commission.	E/ECE/1392
9 May	No formal meetings will be held on this day as it is an official United Nations holiday. However, the Steering Group will meet and interested member countries are invited to participate.			
10 May a.m.	Item 6: Discussion of decisions arising from the high level policy segment for inclusion in the report of the Commission Item 7: Matters arising from the work of the subsidiary bodies requiring decision by, or meriting the attention of, the Commission	Chairman Executive Secretary		As necessary

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10 May a.m.	Item 8: Progress report on ECE Technical Assistance	Chairman of the Group of Experts on the Programme of Work	Debate under this item will begin with a briefing by the Chairman of the Group of Experts on the Programme of Work on the Group's deliberations concerning the issue of technical assistance.	E/ECE/1393
	Item 9: Pan-European Ministerial Meeting in preparation of the World Summit on the Information Society	Chairman	A representative of the Government of Romania, which has offered to host a Pan-European Ministerial Meeting in anticipation of the World Summit on the Information Society, will brief the Commission on this event.	
10 May p.m.	Item 10: Election of officers	Chairman		
	Item 11: Other business	Chairman		Draft reports prepared during the Commission session
	Item 12: Adoption of Report	Rapporteur		

General Notes

1. The fifty-seventh session of the Commission (7-10 May 2002) will be preceded by a seminar on 6 May, on "Labour Market Challenges in the ECE Region". Debate under the session's agenda item 2 will draw upon the seminar's discussion.

2. There will be no formal meeting of the Commission on Thursday, 9 May as it is a United Nations holiday. Informal meetings among delegations will be facilitated by the secretariat.

3. In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the documents referred to in the Provisional Agenda will, wherever possible, be transmitted to Governments in the Commission's three official languages (English, French, Russian) not less than forty-two days before the opening of the session, i.e. not later than 26 March 2002.

4. As part of the ongoing efforts of all concerned to revitalize the sessions of the Commission, and in keeping with the previous sessions of the Commission, the Bureau recommends that delegations, PSB Chairpersons and representatives from other organizations/initiatives should refrain from general statements and limit themselves to specific observations and proposals for action. Any delegation wishing to provide a text for distribution is requested to provide the secretariat, preferably in advance of the session, with sufficient copies (approximately 75).

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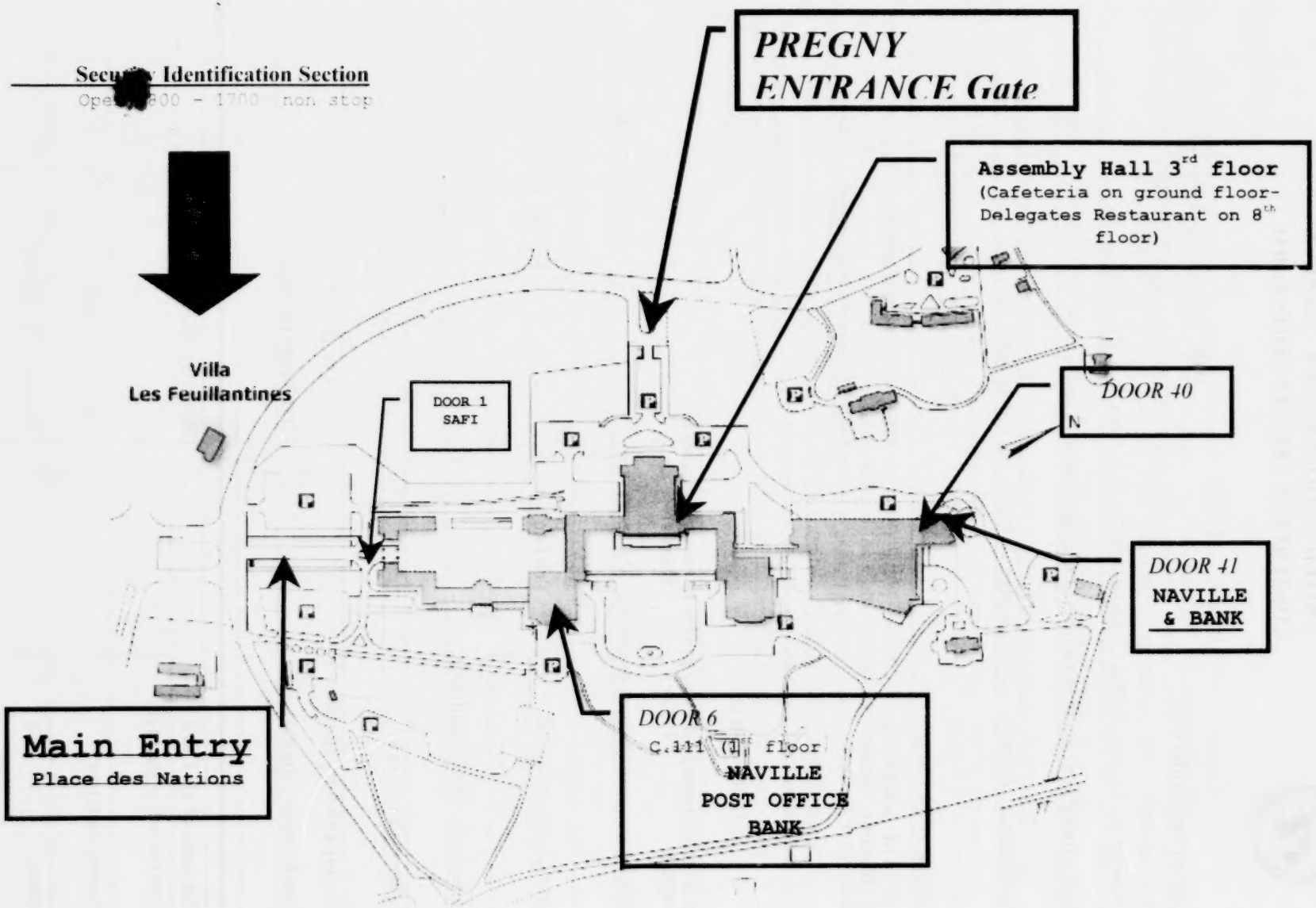
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